

# Case Studies: CHP at Critical Facilities

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# Missouri CHP Systems

# Project Snapshot:

## Committing to Zero-Coal and Zero-Waste



### Veolia Energy Kansas City Center

Kansas City, MO

**Application/Industry:** District Energy

**Capacity (MW):** 5 MW

**Prime Mover:** Boiler/Steam Turbine

**Fuel Type:** Biomass

**Thermal Use:** Steam for Heating Buildings, Hot Water, Heated Coils on Pavement and Sidewalks (~60 customers, 4 million sq. ft.)

**Installation Year:** 2012



**Testimonials:** *“District energy systems produce steam, hot water or chilled water at a central plant. In Kansas City, the steam and chilled water is then piped underground to individual buildings for space heating, domestic hot water heating and air conditioning. As a result, individual buildings served by a district energy system do not need their own boilers or furnaces, chillers or air conditioners. The district energy system provides that with the benefits of improved energy efficiency, reduced costs, increased reliability and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.”*

- Matt DiGeronimo, General Manager of Veolia Energy’s Kansas City Facility

*“Increasing sustainability in a system that has contributed to Kansas City efficiency since the early 1900s should significantly improve air quality in the city and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region.”*

- Sly James, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

Source: <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2016/06/veolia-energy-commits-to-zero-coal-and-zero-waste/>

# Project Snapshot:

## Partnership with an Ethanol Plant

### POET Biorefining & City of Macon, Missouri

Macon, MO

**Application/Industry:** Ethanol Plant

**Capacity:** 10 MW

**Prime Mover:** Gas Turbine

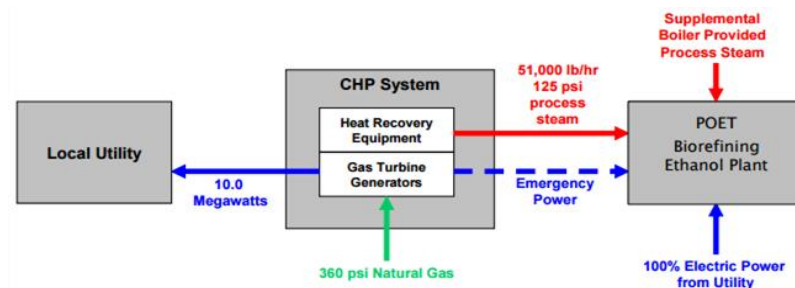
**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Thermal requirements of the ethanol production process

**Installation Year:** 2003

**Energy Savings:** 15-25% reduction in natural gas steam producing costs

**Highlights:** The CHP system at POET provides nearly 60% of the facility's steam requirements, electric power for the plant and local grid. The plant has experienced numerous grid outages since CHP operations began in 2003 and has successfully maintained operation of the plant during these outages by switching the load totally to the CHP system, according to plant General Manager, Steve Murphy.



Source:

<http://www.midwestchptap.org/profiles/ProjectProfiles/POETandCityofMacon.pdf>

# Project Snapshot:

## BOOM Project using Landfill Gas

**AMERESCO**  
Green • Clean • Sustainable



**city of  
Columbia**  
Water & Light

### Jefferson City and Algoa Correctional Centers

Jefferson City, MO

**Application/Industry:** Correctional

**Capacity:** 3.2 MW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Landfill Gas

**Thermal Use:** Heating and hot water

**Installation Year:** 2009



Source: <https://jccc.mo.gov/>

**Highlights:** Ameresco built, owns, operates and maintains (often referred to as BOOM) a landfill gas to energy CHP plant next to the Jefferson City Correctional Center (JCCC). In addition to providing steam and hot water to JCCC, excess steam is piped to the nearby Algoa Correctional Center, and the green power is sold to Columbia Water & Light under a 20-year power purchase agreement.



Source: [http://www.ameresco.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/jefferson\\_city.pdf](http://www.ameresco.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/jefferson_city.pdf)

*“This project creates a clean, reliable and consistent source of energy from a naturally occurring by-product of our landfills. I commend this innovative partnership for the benefits it will bring our economy, environment and communities.” – Jay Nixon, Governor*

# Critical Infrastructure



# CHP & Infrastructure Resiliency

*“Critical infrastructure” refers to those assets, systems, and networks that, if incapacitated, would have a substantial negative impact on national security, national economic security, or national public health and safety.”*

Patriot Act of 2001 Section 1016 (e)

## Applications:

- Hospitals and healthcare centers
- Water / wastewater treatment plants
- Police, fire, and public safety
- Centers of refuge (often schools or universities)
- Military/National Security
- Food distribution facilities
- Telecom and data centers

## CHP (if properly configured):

- Offers the opportunity to improve Critical Infrastructure (CI) resiliency
- Can continue to operate, providing uninterrupted supply of electricity and heating/cooling to the host facility



# Case Studies

## **Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities**

South Oaks Hospital  
Texas Medical Center  
Gundersen Health System  
Presbyterian Homes

## **Water / Wastewater Treatment Plants**

Downers Grove Sanitary District

## **Police, Fire, and Public Safety**

Bridgewater Correctional Complex  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

## **Centers of Refuge (schools, universities)**

Princeton University  
University of Minnesota  
Washtenaw Community College  
Maine South High School  
Bradley International Airport

## **Military/National Security**

Fort Knox

## **Data Centers**

University of Toledo Data Center  
First National Bank of Omaha

# Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities

# Project Snapshot:

## Resiliency and Disaster Relief

### South Oaks Hospital

Amityville, NY

**Application/Industry:** Healthcare

**Capacity (MW):** 1.25 MW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Steam, Cooling, Hot Water

**Installation Year:** 2007

**Highlights:** After Superstorm Sandy, South Oaks continued to provide critical health services for two weeks relying solely on their CHP system. They admitted patients displaced from other sites, refrigerated vital medicines, and welcomed staff and local community to recharge electronic devices and shower. South Oaks' previous CHP system operated continuously through the Northeast Blackout of 2003 as well.

*"Our system... allows us to become a "SHELTER IN PLACE" facility providing all services to our patients and staff and assist the community well beyond the code requirement of 96 hours."*

Bob Chester, Director of Engineering

Slide prepared 2016



Source:

[http://www.northeastchptap.org/Data/Sites/5/documents/profiles/newprofiles/southoaks\\_case\\_study\\_02may13.pdf](http://www.northeastchptap.org/Data/Sites/5/documents/profiles/newprofiles/southoaks_case_study_02may13.pdf)



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# CHP Project Snapshot:

## Resilient Healthcare

### Texas Medical Center and TECO

Houston, TX

**Application/Industry:** Hospitals

**Capacity:** 48 MW

**Prime Mover:** Gas Turbine

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Steam-driven chillers, space heating, hot water, dehumidification, and sterilization

**Installation Year:** 2010

**Highlights:** While Houston and surrounding areas were faced with uncertainty as Hurricane Harvey made landfall, the Texas Medical Center – the largest medical center in the world – was able to sustain its air conditioning, refrigeration, heating, sterilization, laundry, and hot water needs throughout the storm thanks to CHP. Although the CHP system was designed primarily to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy costs for the medical center, the events of Hurricane Harvey showed that CHP was a crucial part of emergency preparedness and helped staff focus on patient care without fear of losing power.

*“The customers we serve, hospitals and medical research facilities, have critical loads. Reliability is extremely important to them, and CHP is an important factor in ensuring excellent reliability.”*

- Steve Swinson, TECO President



[http://www.southwestchptap.org/data/sites/1/documents/profiles/Texas\\_Medical\\_Center-Project\\_Profile.pdf](http://www.southwestchptap.org/data/sites/1/documents/profiles/Texas_Medical_Center-Project_Profile.pdf)



# Project Snapshot:

## 100% Energy Independence

### Gundersen Health System

La Crosse, WI

**Application/Industry:** Hospital

**Capacity:** 500 kW

**Prime Mover:** Boiler/steam turbine

**Fuel Type:** Biomass

**Thermal Use:** Heating, hot water, sterilization

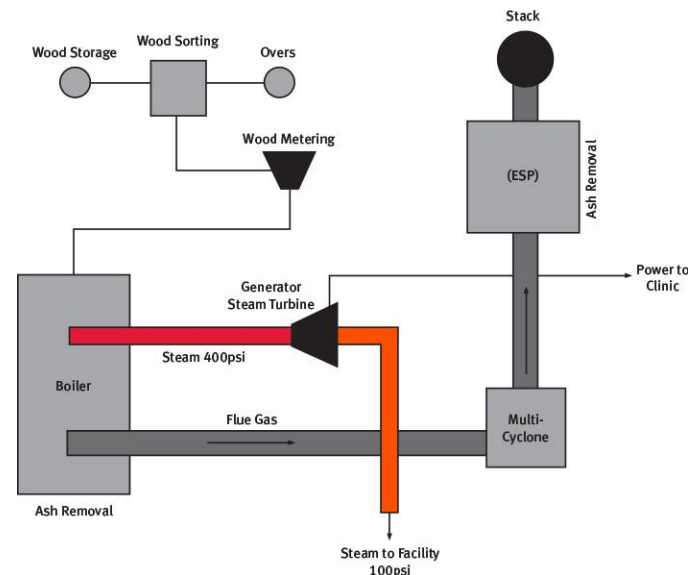
**Installation Year:** 2013

**Energy Savings:** \$500,000/year

**Highlights:** Gundersen Health System received a \$225,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service through the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the biomass CHP system at their La Crosse campus. Gundersen Health system reached 100% energy independence in 2014 thanks to their 4 CHP systems at their campuses.

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## HEALTH SYSTEM®



Source: <http://www.gundersenhealth.org/news/gundersen-powers-up-biomass-boiler>,  
[http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/gundersen-s-new-wood-chip-boiler-taps-region-s-resources/article\\_79024da6-b2c7-11e2-8d3a-0019bb2963f4.html](http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/gundersen-s-new-wood-chip-boiler-taps-region-s-resources/article_79024da6-b2c7-11e2-8d3a-0019bb2963f4.html)

# Project Snapshot:

## Energy Security

**Presbyterian Homes**  
Evanston, IL

**Application/Industry:** Nursing Home

**Capacity: 2.4 MW**

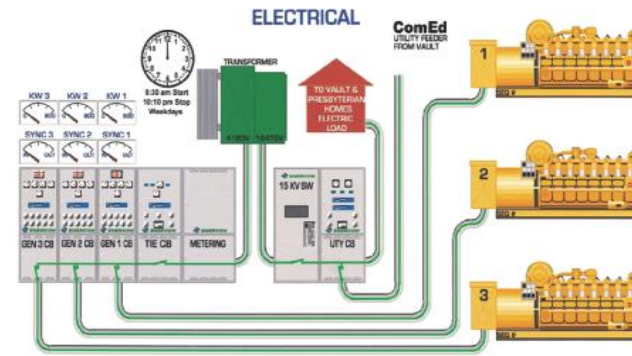
## Prime Mover: Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Natural gas

**Thermal Use:** Building heat and domestic hot water

**Installation Year: 2001**

**Highlights:** An ice storm in the winter of 1998 knocked out power for 9 hours. 600 senior residents were transferred to safety during this time. CHP was installed to avoid future outages.



“The environment we provide to elderly adults had everything to do with our decision to pursue power generation. Loss of power isn’t an option. Lives depend on it.”

- Keith Stohlgren, V/P Operations

“We had no power for nine hours one cold, winter day during an ice storm. The loss of power forced us to take immediate, aggressive measures to ensure the comfort and safety of our residents.”

– Nancy Heald Tolan, Director of Facilities Management

# Centers of Refuge (schools, universities)



# Project Snapshot:

## District Energy with CHP



### Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

**Application/Industry:** University

**Capacity (MW):** 15 MW

**Prime Mover:** Gas Turbine

**Fuel Type:** Bio-diesel & Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Steam, Chilled Water

**Installation Year:** 1996



**Highlights:** Princeton has a 15 MW district energy system with CHP that provides electricity, steam, and chilled water across campus. It supports 150 buildings, including residential and academic buildings, athletic facilities and dining halls. During Superstorm Sandy, the University disconnected from the grid and supplied 100% of campus energy needs for three days until grid power was restored. The CHP plant was vital to maintaining important university facilities such as research labs, experiments and data that could have been compromised by a loss of power.

[https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/11/f4/chp\\_critical\\_facilities.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/11/f4/chp_critical_facilities.pdf)

*"What even fewer people considered was that there was no interruption to steam or chilled water service since all distribution is underground. Yet another reason for district energy!"*

- Edward T. Borer Jr., Manager of the Energy Plant

# Project Snapshot:

## Energy Security

**University of Minnesota**  
Minneapolis, MN



**Application/Industry:** University Campus

**Capacity:** 25 MW

**Prime Mover:** Combustion turbine

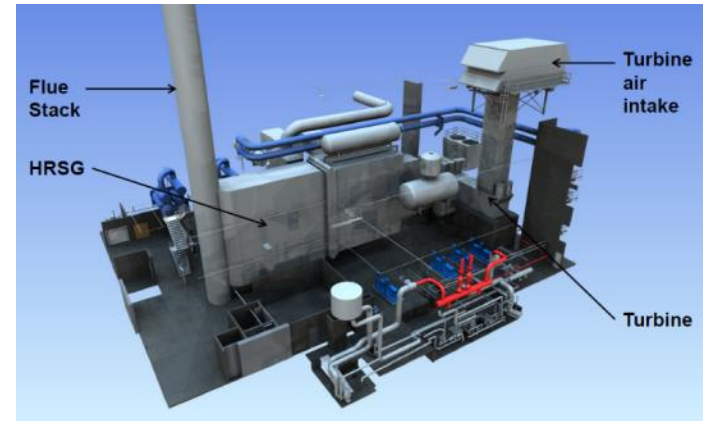
**Fuel Type:** Natural gas

**Thermal Use:** Steam, heating, cooling

**Installation Year:** 2017

**Highlights:** The CHP system decreases the Twin Cities Campus carbon footprint by 15% and provides an 8-year return on investment. The 25 MW system heats the entire campus and meets half of its electricity demand.

**Testimonial:** *"We see CHP as a way to be competitive with other schools and to protect research if we had a catastrophe."*  
- Jerome Malmquist, University Director of Energy Management



Rendering of turbine and heat recovery steam generator.



Minimal changes will need to be made to the existing building's exterior.

Source: <http://www1.umn.edu/regents//docket/2012/february/heatandpower.pdf>  
<http://midwestenergynews.com/2014/12/02/university-turns-to-combined-heat-and-power-for-climate-goals/>

# Project Snapshot:

## Interactive CHP System

### Washtenaw Community College

Ann Arbor, MI

**Application/Industry:** College

**Capacity (MW):** 130 kW

**Prime Mover:** Microturbine

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Hot Water, Cooling

**Installation Year:** 2014

**Energy Savings:** >\$60,000/year

**Highlights:** The microturbine CHP system at Washtenaw Community College is equipped with a FlexSet control system. The web-based system allows facility managers to monitor the system on computers or cell phones. The system's designer, GEM Energy, also donated an additional microturbine to the school for the training of future energy professionals.

*Slide prepared 2016*



Source: <http://www.gemenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/CHP-Washtenaw-102814.pdf>

# Project Snapshot:

## Resilient High School

### Maine South High School

Park Ridge, Illinois



**Application/Industry:** High School

**Capacity:** 1,600 kW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Heating, cooling, hot water  
(previously)

**Installation Year:** 1992

**Highlights:** In the year preceding CHP installation, the school experienced 13 extended electric outages, costing the school district \$170,000 per day in operating expenses for a single 30-minute outage. In 2007 during a violent rain storm that forced 630,000 ComEd customers to lose power, the school disengaged from the grid, operated its CHP system, and maintained building operation throughout the weather event. The two 800 kW Caterpillar engines have full black start capability, using a battery to start the engines if grid electricity is not available.



Source:  
<http://www.midwestchptap.org/>



# Project Snapshot:

## Energy Secure Airport

### Bradley International Airport

Hartford County, CT



**Application/Industry:** Airport

**Capacity:** 5.8 MW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Heating, cooling, and hot water

**Installation Year:** 2002, 2010



2 MW Gas Engine-Generator installed in 2010

**Highlights:** Bradley International Airport near Hartford, CT installed CHP in 2002 and added to it in 2010, motivated primarily by the need to increase energy security, after several recent outages disrupted air service. The system provides heating, hot water, and cooling through an absorption chiller to the airport terminals and can continue to provide electricity during a grid outage, operating in island mode. The system also provides substantial operating cost savings when compared to a conventional central heating/cooling plant.

Source:  
<http://www.northeastchptap.org/Data/Sites/5/documents/profiles/BradleyAirportpp.pdf/>

# Police, Fire, and Public Safety

# Project Snapshot:

2009 EPA ENERGY STAR CHP AWARD

## Bridgewater Correctional Complex

Bridgewater, MA

**Application/Industry:** Correctional

**Capacity:** 1,500 kW

**Prime Mover:** Combustion Turbine

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Heating, cooking, cleaning, domestic hot water

**Installation Year:** 2006

**Highlights:** The correctional complex consists of 785,000 square feet of living and working space on 14,900 acres. The CHP system generates ~80% of the electric demand. Operation of the CHP system allowed the Massachusetts Department of Correction to shut down an old and more-polluting diesel engine generator. With an operating efficiency of approximately 67%, the CHP system requires approximately 17% less fuel than typical onsite thermal generation and purchased electricity.



Source: [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)



Source: [www.dmiinc.com](http://www.dmiinc.com)



# Project Snapshot:

## Targeting Net-Zero

Winnebago County Sheriff's Office  
Oshkosh, WI

**Application/Industry:** Public Safety

**Capacity (MW):** 2.5 MW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Landfill Gas

**Thermal Use:** Heating, Cooling and Hot Water

**Installation Year:** 2007, 2009

**Highlights:** In 2007 Winnebago County Solid Waste Management Board began operating a 1.1 MW CHP system burning landfill gas, providing heat and hot water to the new Sheriff's Office buildings, and selling excess power to Wisconsin Public Service. In 2009 the county added 1.4 MW of electric capacity along with a 250 ton absorption chiller to provide cooling. The Sheriff's Office saves nearly \$1 million annually in natural gas costs alone.

*"This is an extremely efficient use of our landfill gas. The county is glad to hear that we are creating revenue and saving money in heating costs."* – Jim Morris, Landfill Manager for Winnebago County Gas Recovery



Source:  
[http://www.midwestchptap.org/profiles/ProjectProfiles/Winnebago\\_County\\_Sheriffs\\_Office.pdf](http://www.midwestchptap.org/profiles/ProjectProfiles/Winnebago_County_Sheriffs_Office.pdf)

# Water / Wastewater Treatment Plants

# Project Snapshot:

## Targeting Net-Zero

### Downers Grove Sanitary District

Downers Grove, IL

#### Application/Industry:

Wastewater Treatment

**Capacity (MW):** 655 kW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

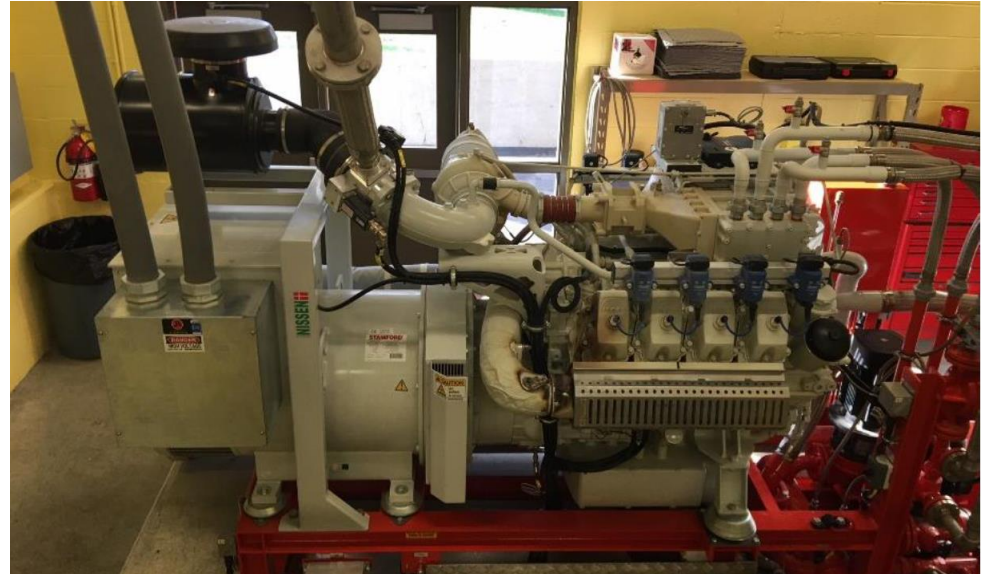
**Fuel Type:** Biomass

**Thermal Use:** Heat for Digestion Process

**Installation Year:** 2014, 2017



**Highlights:** In 2014, DGSB installed a 280 kW engine-driven generator with heat recovery, along with a gas conditioning system. The plant began processing waste grease from nearby restaurants within the digester system to increase gas production. To fully utilize this resource, it installed an additional 375 kW engine and generator in 2017 with incentives from utility ratepayer Energy Efficiency Portfolio Funds.



# Military/National Security

# Project Snapshot:

## Energy Security Microgrid at Army Base

### Fort Knox

Fort Knox, KY

**Application/Industry:** Military

**Capacity (MW):** 8.2 MW

**Prime Mover:** Reciprocating Engines

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** Steam, Hot Water, Chilled Water

**Installation Year:** 2014

**Highlights:** In 2009, Ft. Knox Army Base was hit by a major ice storm causing it to lose its connection to the local utility for as long as 10 days. Fort Knox then partnered with Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative to develop an energy security microgrid comprised of 8 MW of CHP natural gas generators, 16 MW of peak-shaving natural gas generators, and 20 MW of diesel backup. The CHP generators are deployed at three different sites on post, chosen for being critical infrastructure and prime locations for the thermal load produced by the CHP systems – the army hospital, the data center, and the postal exchange.



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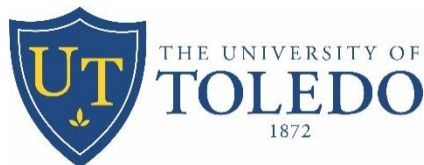
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# Data Centers



# Project Snapshot:

## Data Center Reliability



### University of Toledo Data Center

Toledo, OH

**Application/Industry:** Data Center

**Capacity:** 260 kW

**Prime Mover:** Microturbines

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** 1.0 MMBtu/hr Hot Water and  
100 tons Chilled Water

**Installation Year:** 2013

**Testimonial:** The University of Toledo (UT) and GEM Energy partnered on the design and development of a modular power system to significantly reduce energy consumption and increase electric reliability at the campus data center. At the time of 2013 commissioning, UT's completed modular unit was the second data center in the nation and the first in Ohio to use micro turbines for heating, cooling and non-interruptible power.





# Project Snapshot:

Data Center CHP with 99.9999% Reliability



## First National Bank of Omaha

Omaha, NE

**Application/Industry:** Computing Facility/  
Data Center

**Capacity:** 400 kW

**Prime Mover:** Fuel Cells

**Fuel Type:** Natural Gas

**Thermal Use:** heating, snow melting,  
dehumidification

**Installation Year:** 2013

**Energy Savings:** Unknown



**Testimonial:** *"We have had a great experience with the reliability afforded our data center operations since installing our first fuel cells in 1999".*

- Brenda Dooley, President, First National Buildings, Inc.

Source:

<http://www.midwestchptap.org/profiles/ProjectProfiles/FirstNationalBank.pdf>

# Summary and Next Steps

- CHP is a proven technology providing energy savings, reduced costs, and opportunities for resiliency
- There are many examples of critical infrastructure with resilient energy systems anchored by CHP
- Resources are available to assist in developing CHP Projects
- Contact the US DOE CHP TAP:
  - To receive a complementary CHP qualification screening or other technical assistance.
  - If you already have an existing CHP plant and interested in expanding it
  - Need an unbiased 3rd Party Review of a proposal
  - Interested in further information on best practice state policies for CHP to support energy resilience, including through a webinar or face-to-face meeting

# Thank You

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